

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7. To clarify Applicant's invention, claims 1-7 have been canceled and claims 8-13 have been added.

One problem of the prior art is that it does not allow the user to assume a natural gait. The new claims, explain the advantage of Applicant's invention in that regard.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Being filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to July 17, 2006, with the appropriate fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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